

# Minimal Beats

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Tom Clarke is one of Berlin's top techno/house DJs and head of label Highgrade. He's also a three time Mad Racketeer and he's on his way out here to do it all again. again. 3D caught up with him en route to Australia.

**How do you describe the style of music you play?**

I play a wide range of music. Everything from deep minimal

house, electro, tech tunes and back to quirky beats... I would say it's digital funk!

**What is the dance scene like in Berlin at the moment?**

The dance scene in Berlin is still very big, there is everyday an opportunity to go out from illegal venues to regular nights from Monday to Sunday.

**What are your favourite clubs to play at?**  
I don't really have a favorite club, there are good clubs everywhere but the most important thing is that the people are up for the music and for a good party

**How are things going with your label, Highgrade?**

The label is doing very good. I signed some new artists last year. Guys like Sven Brede, The Tonic Agents and Gerome Sportelli, but also the other artist doing better and better (James Flavour and Todd Bodine and Soopa-Fi) all of them have some new releases in the pipeline. Be prepared!

**Why did you start the label?**

I started the label to act as a platform for my friends and I. The aim for Highgrade was to give German minimal house some new impulses by adding a typical Berlin flavour into its releases by reducing the house sounds to its purest form - groove and bass - and pumping this to the extreme.

**You've been to Australia a couple of times before. What do you remember most about your former visits?**

I was surprised to see that people here into the same kind of music. The contrast of the modern world and in the other hand the nature and this big desert land

**What were your impressions of Mad Racket**

**from last time you played there?**

It was great last time I played at Racket. The people are always up for a party and the crowd is very advanced in music. They leave you the time to build up a set and then they going for it!!!!.

**What do you like most about DJing?**

The part of traveling is great. You get access to different cultures and mentalities, because music knows no colours or borders!

**What are your current top five tracks?**

- 1) Delano & Dahlback - Believe
- 2) Acid Joseph - I Love The Acid Too
- 3) Märtini Brös - Love The Machine (Robag Whrumme rmx )
- 4) Silversurfer - Welcome to Berlin (Tekel rmx )
- 5) Jamie Odell - The Darkness

**Tom Clarke plays Mad Racket at Marrickville Bowling and Recreation Club, Easter Weekend, Saturday April 10th**